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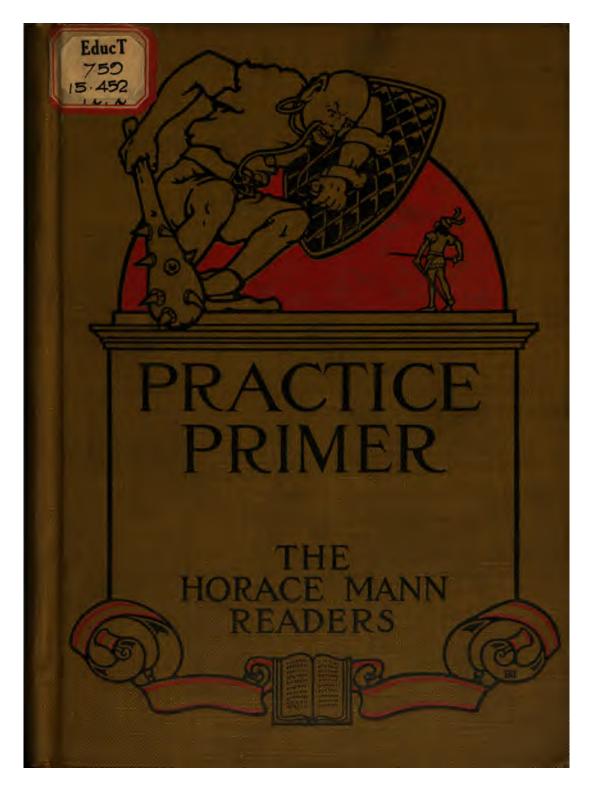
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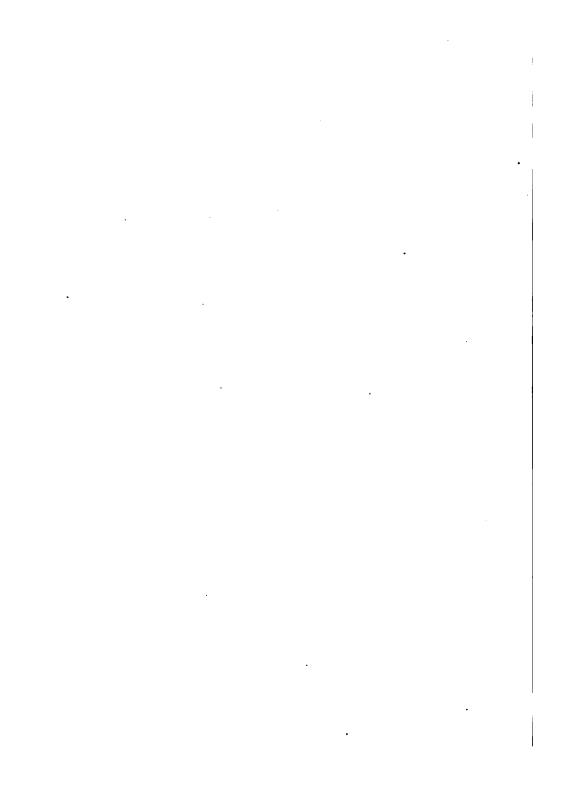
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### **FOREWORD**

THE Practice Primer is designed for use in connection with the Horace Mann Primer, though it may of course be used independently. One object in preparing it has been to satisfy a demand on the part of progressive teachers using the Horace Mann Readers, for additional reading matter and phonic work which should require a minimum of development and preparation.

Accordingly, the vocabulary throughout this book is practically the same as that of the Primer, while the sentences are different.

The lessons in the first half of the book, also, though differing to some extent in subject, correspond with those in the Primer. In the latter part of the Practice Primer the stories are new.

The teachers' own ingenuity will doubtless suggest the best ways of using this book. The best results will probably be secured if the lessons in the Practice Primer are used for sight reading or for review, in which case the several lessons should be read within a short period after the development of the corresponding lessons in the Primer. Such use of the book will be in accordance with the principle that repetition of the old in new combinations is more economical than mere repetition.

In this book, as in the other books of the Series, the pieces have been chosen on this principle, among others, that the three kinds of reading matter,—lessons on child activities, folk stories, and jingles,—may and should be used in con-

junction. The child lives in two worlds at once, — that of his own daily life, and that of the "Little Red Hen" and of "Two Little Blackbirds." To begin with lessons on the child's own activities is to base the reading work on the solid rock of genuine experience and self-expression; to include folk stories and jingles is to draw on the heritage of the race and to enlist one of the strongest interests of childhood.

As will be seen, a great point is made of phonic exercises. These are in accordance with the system used throughout the Series as explained in detail in *Daily Lesson Plans*. Several different kinds of exercises are used, including a great variety of Word Problems and the valuable Nonsense Alphabet. These provide varied practice in isolating and recombining elements, and varied repetition and drill in connection with constructive processes. Such exercises are believed to be invaluable. They give skill in recognizing and manipulating word elements, without which no one can ever become a good reader.

The cross-references at the foot of the pages of the text, H. M. P. and D. L. P., refer to pages in the *Horace Mann Primer* and *Daily Lesson Plans*, *First Year*, respectively.

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Ray

# baby

# Good morning



Good morning, baby Ray.

Good morning, baby.

Good morning, baby Ray.

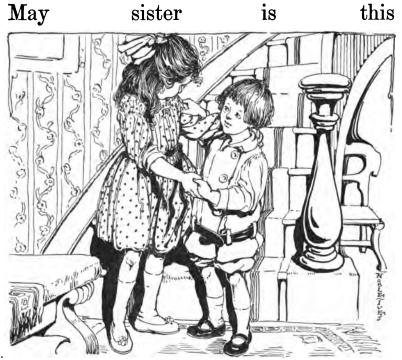
Ray.

baby Ray.

Good morning, baby Ray.

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H.M.P. 1



This is sister May.

May. sister May. This is sister May.

Good morning.
Good morning, sister.
Good morning, sister May.

H.M.P. 1



This is baby Ray. Baby Ray is a little boy.

Skip, little boy, skip. Run, baby Ray, run. Run, little boy, run. Skip, Ray, skip.

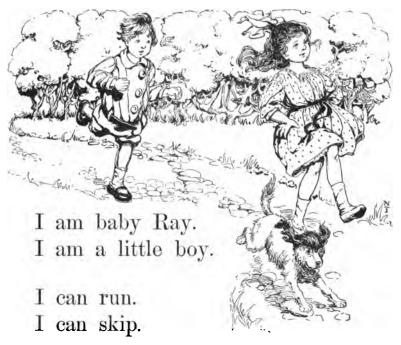


This is sister May. Sister May is a girl.

A girl can run.

Sister May can skip. Run, May, run.

Skip, sister, skip. Run, sister, run. Skip, skip, skip. I am I can



Skip, sister May. Run, baby Ray.

I am sister May. I am a girl.

I can skip. I can run. hop

and



Good morning, little rabbit. Can a rabbit run? Can a rabbit run and hop?

Good morning, baby Ray.

I can run.

I can run and hop.

Can a little boy hop?

I can hop.

I can skip.

I can hop, skip, and run.



Sister May can play ball.
Can baby Ray play ball?
A little girl can play ball.
A little boy can play ball.
Play ball, sister May.
Play ball, baby Ray.

### catch



I can catch a ball.

I can catch little Kitty.

I can catch baby Ray and sister May.

A boy can run and catch a ball.

A boy can run and catch a girl.

A girl can run and catch a boy.

Can a baby play ball? Can a baby catch Kitty? Can a baby catch a rabbit? Can baby Ray catch sister May?

Baby Ray can play ball. Baby Ray can catch a ball. Sister May can play ball.





me

Bounce, ball, bounce. See my ball bounce.

See me catch my ball.

Sister May can bounce my ball. Sister May can catch my ball.

H.M.P. 6

### (To be acted, sung, memorized.)

I put my little hands in,
I put my little hands out,
I give my little hands
a shake, shake, shake,
And turn myself about.

I am a little boy.
I can give my little hands
a shake, shake, shake.
Put out hands, little girl.
Put out hands, little boy.
Shake hands, Ray.
Shake hands, May.
Shake hands, Kitty.

hands ball girl boy hand balls girls boys clap



Clap, clap, partner.
Clap, clap, neighbor.
Stamp, stamp,
And turn yourself around!

Clap hands, Ray. Clap hands, May. Clap hands, clap.

Sister May claps her hands. Sister May claps my hands. I clap her hands.

clap hop give shake claps hops gives shakes 11 H.M.P. 8 (Act, sing, and memorize.)

1 2 3
One, two, three, roll,
Roll the ball to baby!

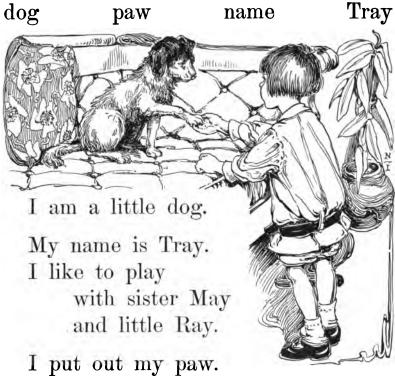
1 2 3
One, two, three, roll,
Roll the ball to me!

See me roll the ball. See Ray roll the ball.

Sister May
likes to play
with baby Ray.

Baby Ray rolls the ball to sister May.

put likes skip roll puts like skips rolls



Little Ray shakes hands with me.

I like to play.

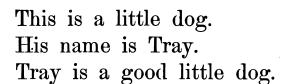
I like to shake hands.

Ray is good to me.

I like little Ray.

can	hand	ball	bounce	Tray
an	and	$\mathbf{all}$	ounce	Ray
		13		H.M.P. 10





Tray likes to shake hands. That is fun.

Baby Ray loves little dog Tray. That is why little dog Tray loves Baby Ray.

Little dog Tray likes fun. And baby Ray likes fun.

play	loves	run	name
plays	love	runs	names
	]	<b>.4</b>	H.M.P. 11



Good morning, sister May. Good morning to you. Good morning, dear Ray, I'm glad to see you.

Good morning, Kitty dear, I'm glad to see you. Good morning, dear Tray, I'm glad to see you.

morning	$\mathbf{his}$	$\operatorname{dear}$	Kitty
morn	is	ear	Kit
	1.5	<b>.</b>	H.M.P. 12



Good morning, pretty kitten.

Good morning, little girl.

My name is May.

My name is Kitty Gray.

I'm a gray kitten.

That is why my name is Kitty Gray.

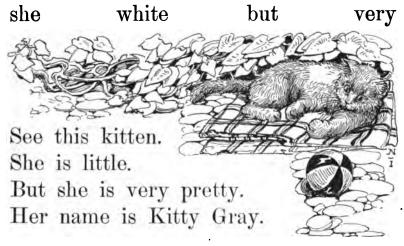
I'm glad to see you, Kitty Gray.

This is baby Ray.

Baby Ray likes to play.

Ray likes to play with sister May and Kitty Gray.

 $\mathbf{roll}$ little girl my likes Ray May good H.M.P. 13 16



Why is that her name?

She is not a white kitten. She is a gray kitten.

That is why her name is Kitty Gray.

See Kitty Gray play ball.
She puts out her paw.
She rolls the ball.
She runs.
She puts out her paws.
She rolls the ball.
See the ball roll.
See Kitty Gray run.



H.M.P. 14

dot not one all spot black



She is all gray but one spot.

That spot is white.

But her name is not Kitty White.

Her name is Kitty Gray.

See this kitten.

This is not Kitty Gray.

This is a white kitten.

She is all white but one black spot.

That is why her name is Dot.

Dot is a pretty kitten.



I like to play ball.
I like to play with Kitty Gray.
Kitty likes to play with me.

Kitty	kitten	gray	you
Kit	$\mathbf{kit}$	ray	your
•	19		H.M.P. 16

# Bunny Ray's feed nibble cabbage



Why is his name Bunny Gray? He is a gray rabbit.
That is why.

Bunny Gray likes cabbage. Bunny Gray likes to nibble it.

Bunny is baby Ray's rabbit. Baby Ray likes to feed Bunny. Baby Ray feeds Bunny cabbage.

Give the cabbage to Bunny, Ray. Nibble the cabbage, Bunny.

Bunny	$\operatorname{cabbage}$	nibble	$\mathbf{feed}$
Bun	cab	$\mathbf{nib}$	fee
	20		H.M.P. 17

heel Gay funny up kick

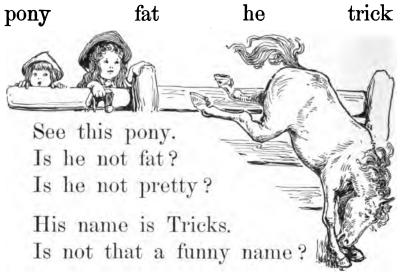


Good morning, little rabbit. I am baby Ray.
That is my name.

Good morning, little boy. I am Bunny Gay.
That is my name.

Gay is a funny name. Why is that your name?

I like to play.That is why my name is Gay.I like to hop and skip.I like to run.I like to kick up my heels.



Why is that his name?

He likes fun.

He likes to play tricks.

That is why his name is Tricks.

He likes to kick up his heels.

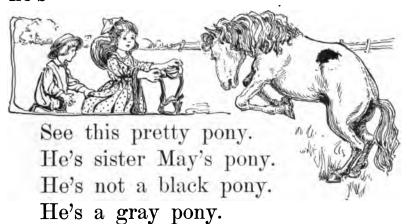
That is one trick.

But Tricks is a good little pony.

He is sister May's pony.

funny	heel	fat	little
fun	$\mathbf{eel}$	$\mathbf{at}$	lit
	22		H.M.P. 19

## he's



But he has one black spot. Is his name Spot? His name is not Spot.

His name is Tricks. He likes to play tricks. That is why his name is Tricks.

Tricks likes fun. He's a funny pony. He likes to kick up his heels.

Gay	May	kick	$\mathbf{not}$
Ray	$\mathbf{gray}$	$\operatorname{trick}$	$\operatorname{spot}$
		23	H.M.P. 20

I am sister May.
I have a little pony.
He is a gray pony.
His name is Tricks.

Tricks is a pretty pony. See his pretty head. See his pretty tail.

Tricks likes to have fun.

He likes to run.

He likes to kick up his heels.

That is his trick.

But he is a good pony.
I love Tricks, and Tricks loves me.

tail	$\operatorname{sister}$	$\mathbf{his}$	Tricks
ail	${f sis}$	$\mathbf{i}\mathbf{s}$	$\operatorname{trick}$
		24	H.M.P.21



pan

Kitty Gray, Kitty Gray! See this pan, Kitty.

See this milk.

See me put the milk in the pan.

See the milk in the pan, Kitty. It is good milk, Kitty.

Lap the milk, Kitty.

Lap it up.

I love to feed you, Kitty Gray.

Kitty Gray is my kitten.

I love her.

That is why she loves me.

May	play	$\mathbf{feed}$	like
me	$\overline{\mathbf{put}}$	$\mathbf{funny}$	little
milk	pan	fat	lap
		25	H.M.P. 22

wag

## him

pat



See that little boy and his dog. The boy's name is Ray. The dog's name is Tray.

Ray likes to pat his little dog. He likes to pat his head. He likes to see him wag his tail.

He likes to feed his little dog. He feeds him good milk.

He puts the milk in a pan. Tray laps it up.

Ray loves Tray.
That is why Tray loves Ray.

fat	can	$\mathbf{Gray}$	that
$\mathbf{at}$	an	ray	$\mathbf{at}$
pat	pan	Tray	fat
		26	H.M.P. 23



See this little dog.

This is not little dog Tray.

This is my puppy.

I like to feed him.

See this pan, puppy.

Your milk is in this pan.

The milk is good, puppy.

Lap the milk, puppy, lap it up.

See the puppy lap up the good milk.

See him lick the pan.

He likes the milk.

That is why he licks the pan.

lick	${f little}$	puppy	play
ick	${f lit}$	pup	lay
kick	$\mathbf{it}$	up	ay
•		27	H.M.P. 24



Look, look! See that cat and that mouse.

Look, look!
The mouse sees the cat.
The cat sees the mouse.

Look, look!
See the mouse run.
See the cat run.
Can the cat catch the mouse?

Look, look! See the cat catch the little mouse. The cat likes the little mouse. let do will



Sister May, sister May!
Do you see this ball?
It is my ball.
I like to play with it.
Do you like to play ball?
Will you play ball with me?

I see your ball.
I do like to play ball.
I will play ball with you.
Let me roll the ball to you.
I will let you roll it to me.
Roll, ball, roll.
Let the ball roll.

## FOR PRACTICE

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d ear	d og	f at	f un
g ive	g irl	h and h	h eel h
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l ook	m ouse m	m e m	n ot
n ame n	ou t	p an	p at
r un	R ay	s ee s	s pot pot
sh ake	t ail t	t o	v ery v

## WORD PROBLEMS FOR PRACTICE

h op and hand	s ee and sand	b all and band
h e am	s ee am	cl ap am
ham	Sam	clam
c an all call	h e all .	f un all fall
h ave it	s ee it	b oy it
hit	sit	bit
p ut in pin	to in tin	sp ot in spin
c an up cup	p at up pup	s ee up sup
m e can	r un m an	fat ran
man	ran	fan
b all l ook book	g irl l et get	h e m ouse house
h ave w ill	s ee l ick	s ee R ay
hill	sick	say
m e t ail	s ee d o	fee d l et
mail	seed	feel

caught two three four five



Let me have your ball, Ray. I will play ball with you. I will let you catch it. One, two, three, catch! Catch the ball, catch it.

I have caught the ball. See, I have it.

I will let you catch it. I will roll it to you. Three, four, five, catch!

Catch the ball, sister.

Do you like to play ball?

p at c atch	l et c atch	p ut four	caught
patch	latch	pour	aught

32



Two little blackbirds,
Sitting on a hill,
The one named Jack,
The other named Jill;
Fly away, Jack!
Fly away, Jill!
Come again, Jack!
Come again, Jill!

my other	named	Jill	away
mother	name	ill	way

Do you see this big cat? No, I do not. That is not a big cat. That is a lion.

no

So it is. But a lion is a big cat.

See his big head. His head is like a cat's head.

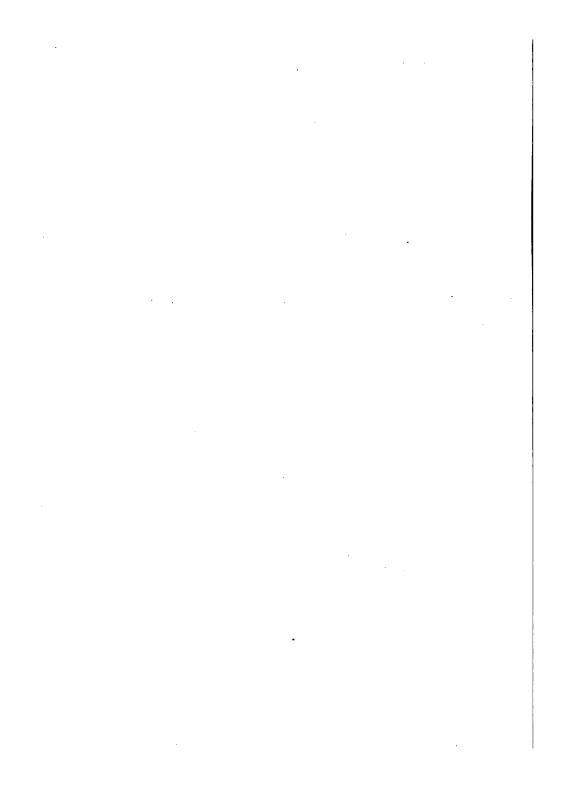
See his paw. His paw is like a cat's paw.

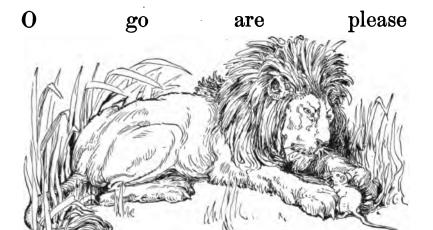
A lion's paw is very big. But a cat's paw is little.

A cat can catch a mouse. So can a lion. He can catch it with his big paw.



I AM A LION





I see a mouse.
The mouse is little.
But I will catch him.
I have caught you, little mouse.

You have caught me, big lion.
But I am little.
I am so very little.
Please let me go.
O, please do let me go.

No, I will not let you go. You are very little. But I will not let you go. O dear good lion, please let me go. I am a good little mouse.

I will help you.

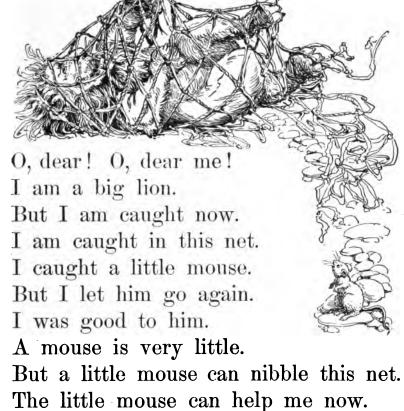
No, I will not let you go. You can not help me. You are too little to help me.

Please, please, good lion, let me go. I am little.
But I am not too little to help you.
I can help you.

I will help you.

You can not help me. You are so very little. But I will let you go. Go, little mouse, go. Run, little mouse, run.

Thank you, good lion, thank you.



Will he do it?
Will he nibble this net?
Will a mouse help a lion?
Will he come and help me?
Come and help me, little mouse.

there



There is that little mouse.

I was good to him.

Now he can help me.

Come here, little mouse, come here! Please come here and help me.

O, dear good little mouse, help me.

I caught you.

But I let you go again.

Now I am caught.

I am caught in this net.

You are little.

But you are not too little to help me. You can nibble this net.



Yes, good lion, I will come.
I will come and help you.
Here I am.
The other time you let me go.
This time I will let you go.
I will nibble that net.
(The little mouse nibbles the net.)
Now, good lion, you can go.
A mouse is little.
But he can help a big lion.
Thank you, good little mouse.
Thank you, dear good little mouse.
I thank you again and again.
You are little.

You are little.

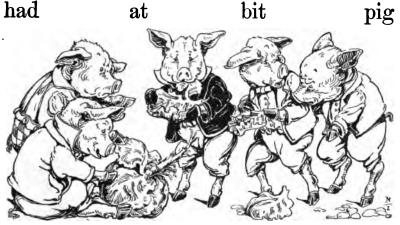
But you can help.

Thank you, dear little mouse.

Thank you again and again.

## WORD PROBLEMS FOR PRACTICE

put big	pl ease	to ease
- pig	ease	tease
too l et	h e gl ad	h ead n ow
tool	had	how
wag Gay	s o c ome	d o time
way	some	$\operatorname{dime}$
n o d ear	m e c atch	b oy n et
near	match	bet
h ave m ouse	gonot	can but
house	$\operatorname{got}$	cut
so paw	cl ap paw	do Ray
saw	claw	day
May sister	do head	so lick
Mister	dead	$\operatorname{sick}$
th is pat	th ank in	h ave g ood
that	thin	hood
will hood	b oy l ook	to caught
$\mathbf{wood}$	$\operatorname{book}$	taught
do big	will dig	y es l et
$\operatorname{dig}$	wig	yet



O, yes, I see the little pigs.
One, two, three, four, five little pigs.
Let me feed the pigs.
Yes, you may feed the pigs.
Pigs like cabbage.
You may feed the pigs cabbage.
Look at that little pig.
He bit the cabbage.
One little pig had cabbage.
One pig did not have a bit.
This little pig did not have a bit.





There is Fe-fi-fo-fum.

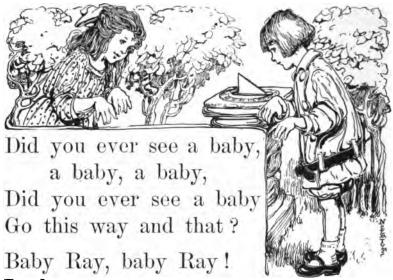
Do you not see how big he is?

Are you not afraid of him?

O, yes, I see him.
He is very, very big.
I am very, very little.
But I am not afraid.
I am not afraid of him.

b it h ad	so bit	n o h ow	n ot b ut
bad	$\mathbf{sit}$	now	nut

0	0 1	0
four	feed	funny
five	fat	fun
f	f	<b>f</b> .
pig	tail	dear
$\operatorname{ig}$	ail	ear
fig	fail	fear
hop	heel	name
op	eel	ame
fop	feel	fame
pan	will	shake
an	ill	ake
fan	fill	fake
may	cat	wag
ay	at	$\mathbf{a}\mathbf{g}$
fay	fat	fag
bit	had	lap
it	ad	flap
fit	fad	_



Look at me.

See me go this way and that way.

Now you do it. Go this way and that way.

That is it.

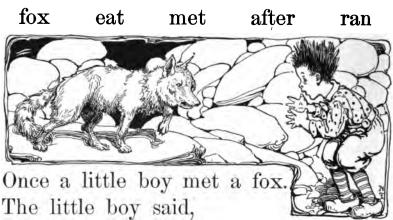
That is the way to do it.

Sister May went this way and that way.

And baby Ray went this way and that way.

1 2 3 4 5
One, two, three, four, five,
I caught a bird alive.
6 7 8 9 10
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
I let him go again.

Once I caught a little bird.
I said to the little bird,
"Little bird, little bird!
How do you do?
I like you, little bird.
I will feed you.
Do you like me?
Will you play with me?"
I let the little bird go.
He did not play with me.
He went away.
I did not catch him again.



"I do not like the looks of that fox.

I am afraid of him.

He eats rabbits.

I will not let him eat me.

I will run away.

I will not let him catch me."

So the little boy ran away.

But the fox did not run after him.

The boy was afraid of the fox.

The fox was afraid of the boy.

So the fox ran away too.

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One day a little fox met a lion.

The lion looked very big.

The little fox said,

"I do not like that lion.

I do not like the looks of him.

He is too big.

He wants to eat me up.

I will run away."

And so he did.

The big lion did not run after him.

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The little fox met the big lion again. This time the fox said, "That lion looks very big. But I am not afraid of him. I will not run away. He is a good lion. He will not eat me up." And the lion did not eat him up.

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Again the fox met the lion.
This time he said,
"That lion is a good lion.
I am not a bit afraid of him.
He will not eat me up."

So the fox did not run away.

He went up to the lion.

Then he said,

"Good morning, good Mr. Lion.

How are you to-day?"

And Mr. Lion said,
"Good morning, Mr. Fox.
I'm very well this morning,
thank you.

How are you?"
Then Mr. Lion went away.

After that, little Mr. Fox was not afraid of big Mr. Lion.

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father kid man bought money for pieces



Do you see that man?
He is my father.
Look in his hand.
Can you see his money?
One piece of money.
Two pieces of money.

A kid, a kid my father bought For two pieces of money.

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Once my father bought a kid. He bought it for two pieces of money.

Then came a cat and ate the kid.

Then my father went to the dog and said,

"Dog, dog, bite the cat.

The cat ate my kid

That I bought for two pieces of money.

Now I have no meat to eat."

But the dog said,

"No, I do not want to bite the cat."

Then my father went to the stick and said,

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"Stick, stick, beat the dog.

The dog will not bite the cat That ate the kid

That I bought for two pieces of money."

But the stick said,

"No, I do not want to beat the dog."

So my father went to the fire and said,

"Fire, fire, burn the stick.

Stick will not beat the dog,

The dog will not bite the cat

That ate the kid

That I bought for two pieces of money."

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But the fire said,

"No, I do not want to burn the stick."

Then my father went to the water and said,

"Water, water, put out the fire. The fire will not burn the stick, The stick will not beat the dog, The dog will not bite the cat That ate my kid

That I bought for two pieces of money."

But the water said,

"No, I do not want to put out the fire."

Then my father went to the ox and said,

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"Ox, ox, drink the water.

The water will not put out the fire, The fire will not burn the stick, The stick will not beat the dog, The dog will not bite the cat That ate the kid

That I bought for two pieces of money."

But the ox said,

"No, I do not want to drink the water."

Then my father went to the butcher and said,

"Butcher, butcher, kill the ox.
The ox will not drink the water,
The water will not put out the fire,
The fire will not burn the stick,
The stick will not beat the dog,

well

tree

The dog will not bite the cat That ate the kid That I bought for two pieces of money."

And the butcher said, "Very well, I will kill the ox."

Then the ox said,

"Butcher, butcher, please do not kill me.

I will drink the water."

Then the water said,

"O, please, Mr. Ox, do not drink me.

I will put the fire out."

Then the fire said,

"Water, water, do not put me out.

I will burn the stick."

Then the stick said,

"Fire, fire, please do not burn me.

I will beat the dog."

Then the dog said,

"O, dear good Mr. Stick, do not beat me.

I will bite the cat."

But the cat said,

"O no, Mr. Dog, you will not bite me.

I will not let you bite me.

I will run up a tree."

And so she did.

The dog did not bite the cat.

The stick did not beat the dog.

The fire did not burn the stick.

The water did not put out the fire.

The ox did not drink the water.

And the butcher did not kill the ox.

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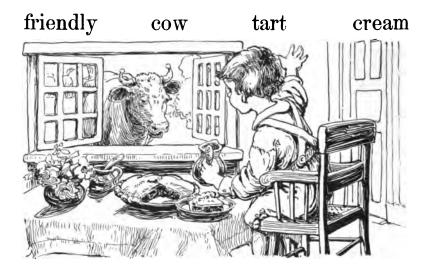
(Memorize.)

This little pig went to the barn;
This little pig ate all the corn;
This little pig said he would tell;
This little pig said he wasn't well;
This little pig went grunt, grunt, grunt, as down he fell.

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Once there were five little pigs.
Pig one said,
"I'm going to the barn."
Pig two said,
"I will eat up all the corn."
Pig three said,
"I will tell."
Pig four said,
"I'm not very well.
I can't eat corn."
Pig five said,
"I will beat you there."

And away he ran.
But he fell down.
As he fell he said,
"Grunt, grunt, grunt."
Then a big dog came.
The pigs all ran away.
The pig did not eat the corn.

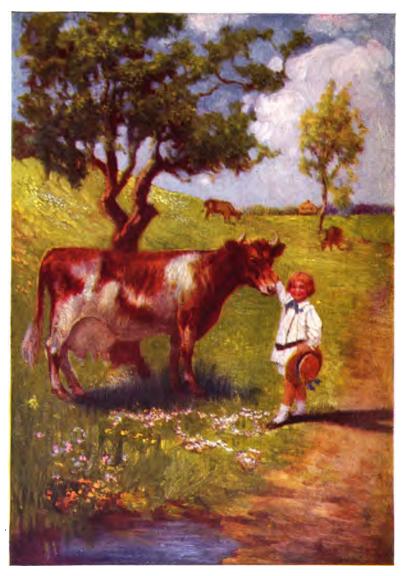


(Memorize.)
The friendly cow all red and white,

I love with all my heart,
She gives me cream with all her might
To eat with apple-tart.

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THE FRIENDLY COW

Look at that boy and that cow.

See the boy pat the cow.

He is not afraid of her.

She is a friendly cow.

That is why he is not afraid of her. The friendly cow likes the boy.

And the boy likes the friendly cow.

The boy and the cow are good friends.

The boy says,

"Good morning, friendly Bossy cow. How do you do this morning?"

The Bossy cow says,

"Moo, moo, moo, I'm very well, thank you.

How are you, friendly boy?"

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mother call lamb sheep them



O, mother, look at that dear little lamb. That little lamb wants his mother.

He says, "ba, ba!"

That is the way he calls his mother.

The mother sheep says, "ma, ma!"

That is the way she calls her baby lamb.

See the dear little lamb.

See him run and skip.

See him run to his mother.

See the lamb kick up his heels.

He wants to have fun with his mother.

See the mother sheep run.

She likes to kick up her heels.

She likes to play with her little lamb.

See them run.

Dick lived flew on Chick-a-dee

Dick was a friendly little boy. One morning little Dick said, "I will go and see my friends."

Little Dick's friends lived in a barn. So little Dick went to the barn to see them.

As he went, he saw a little bird. The little bird was in a tree.

"Dee-dee-dee, Chick-a-dee-dee," said the little bird.

Little Dick said, "Good morning, Chick-a-dee.

I'm glad to see you this morning. You are a friendly little bird."

"Chick-a-dee-dee-dee," said the little bird.

Then he flew away.
Then little Dick went on.

crow soon saw turkey gobble red

Soon he saw a big black bird.

"Caw, caw, caw," said the black bird.

Little Dick said,

"I see you, Mr. Crow.

But I do not like you.

You are not a friend to me.

You eat my corn."

"Caw, caw," said Mr. Crow. Then he flew away.

Soon Dick came to the barn. There he met Mr. Turkey.

"How do you do, Mr. Turkey?" said Dick.

Mr. Turkey said,
"Gobble, gobble, gobble you."
His head was very red.
He did not look at all friendly.
Dick was afraid of Mr. Turkey.
But he did not run away.

rooster goose duck quack chicks hen

He went into the barn.

In the barn he met a goose.

He said, "Good morning,"

to the goose.

The goose said, "S, s, s." She did not look friendly

So little Dick went on.
Soon he met a duck.

Said Dick to the duck,

"Good morning, Ducky-duck."
"Quack, quack, quack," said the duck.

Then Dick went to see the hens.

He saw a rooster, a mother hen, and her little chicks.

He said, "Good morning," to them all.

rooster	chicken	turkey	gobble
roost	chick	turk	gob
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"Cock-a-doodle-doo," said the rooster.

"Cluck, cluck," said the mother hen.

"Peep, peep," said the little chicks.

They were very friendly.

After that, Dick went to see his other friends.

He said, "Good morning," to all of them.

They were all very friendly.

Then Dick went back to his mother.

"Good morning, mother," said he.

And his mother said,

"Good morning, my dear boy,

I'm glad to see you."

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goat who Billy where boat sea sail



(Memorize.)

Where are you going, Big Billy Goat? I'm going to sea a-sailing a boat.

What! a goat sail a boat!
Can a goat sail a boat?
Who ever saw a goat sail a boat?

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Once upon a time there was a goat. He was a big goat. His name was Big Billy.

Once upon a time Big Billy went to sea. He went to sea in a boat. It was a sail boat.

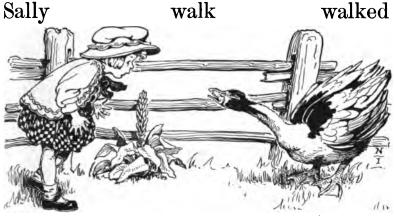
Big Billy sailed the boat on the sea. The boat was very little. The sea was very big.

The sea came into the little boat. Big Billy was afraid of the sea. So he sailed back again.

Big Billy did not like the sea. He did not sail out to sea again.

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Once there was a little girl.
The little girl's name was Sally.
One day Sally went out to walk.
As she walked she met a goose.
The goose put out her head.
Then she said, "S, s, s."
Sally was a little bit afraid.
But she did not run away.
She said, "What do you want,
Goosey?"

The goose said, "S, s, s," again.

"What do you want to say, Goosey?" said Sally.

"S, s, s," said the goose.

think tit off tat bring some



Once the cat and the mouse were playing tit for tat.

Then what do you think?

The cat bit off the mouse's tail.

"Wee, wee," said the mouse.

"Please, cat, give me my tail again."

"I will," said the cat,

"if you will bring me some milk."

"Wee, wee," said the mouse.

And away she ran.

Soon the mouse came to the milkman.

"Milkman, milkman, please help me.

Please give me some milk.

I will give the milk to the cat.

Then the cat will give me my tail again."

## train 'draw' pull cart milkman

"I will," said the milkman, "if the train will draw the milk to me."

"Wee, wee," said the mouse.

And away she ran.

She came to the train.

"Train, train, please help me.

Please draw the milk to the milkman.

Then the milkman will give me some milk.

I will give the milk to the cat.

Then the cat will give me my tail again."

"I will," said the train, "if the pony will pull the cart to me." "Wee, wee, wee," said the mouse. And away she ran.

draw	bring	train	br ing r ain	go brain
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## farmer

Then she came to the pony.

"Pony, pony, please help me.

Please pull the cart to the train.

Then the train will draw the milk to the milkman.

The milkman will give me some milk.

I will give the milk to the cat.

And the cat will give me my tail again."

"I will," said the pony,

"if the farmer will milk the cow."

"Wee, wee," said the mouse.

And away she ran.

Soon she came to the farmer.

"Farmer, farmer, please help me.

Please milk the cow.

Then the pony will pull the cart to the train.

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The train will draw the milk to the milkman.

The milkman will give me some milk. I will give the milk to the cat.

And the cat will give me my tail again."

"I will," said the farmer.

Then the farmer milked the cow.

The pony pulled the cart to the train.

The train drew the milk to the milk-man.

The milkman gave some milk to the mouse.

The mouse gave the milk to the cat. And the cat gave the mouse her tail again.

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live	lip	land	late

redbreast falling sing merry high robin babies song sweet year

(Memorize, sing, and read.)

O robin, robin redbreast,
O robin dear!
The robin sings so sweetly
In the falling of the year.

Sing, robin, sing,
High up in the tree;
Sing a sweet song
For baby and me.

Sing, robin, sing,
For baby and me;
Sing for your babies
High up in a tree.

I'm glad to see you, little bird; Your merry, merry song I heard. blue

blow

fast

horn



(Memorize.)

O, where is little Boy Blue?
The cow is in the corn!
She is eating it up
As fast as she can.
Why doesn't he blow his horn?

O, little Boy Blue,
Come blow your horn,
To call the cow,
Away from the corn,
And the sheep from the meadow, too.

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last	mast	past	cast

be hay sleepy just asleep grass

Look there!
Just look at that sheep.
That sheep will eat up all the grass.
Then there will be no hay for the cow.

Just look at that cow too. She will eat up all the corn. Then there will be no corn for the pig.

Little Boy Blue, where are you? There he is, fast asleep. O, you sleepy boy, wake up, wake up!

Do you see that sheep?
Do you see that cow?
Blow your horn.
Blow, blow!
Call the cow away from the corn.
Call the sheep away from the grass.

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hungry sat over jump stool leg wall

(Memorize.)

Leg over leg,
The dog went to Dover;
When he came to a wall,
Jump! he went over.

A dog has four legs.A stool has three legs.A boy has two legs.A leg of lamb is one leg.

Once a hungry dog saw a boy. The boy sat on a stool.

The boy had three legs.

But one leg was a leg of lamb.

The hungry dog saw the leg of lamb. It looked good to him.

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The hungry dog said,
"I want that leg of lamb.
It looks good to eat.
I will take it and run away with it."
And so he did.

But the boy said,
"Come back, you bad dog.
That is my leg of lamb.
Bring it back to me.
Be quick about it too."

But the dog did not come back.

Then the boy took up the stool. He threw the stool at the dog. The stool hit the dog.

Then the dog was afraid. So he brought back the leg of lamb. The boy had the meat for supper. He gave the dog a piece of it.

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Thanksgiving

fine



Once there was a sheep and a pig. One day the farmer looked at the sheep.

"A fine fat sheep, a fine fat sheep," said the farmer.

Then he looked at the pig, and said, "A fine fat pig, a fine fat pig.

I am glad that sheep and that pig are so fat.

Thanksgiving will soon be here." Then he went away.

The sheep looked at the pig. The pig looked at the sheep.

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Then the sheep said,

"Do you know, pig,

why the farmer said that?"

"Yes, I know," said the pig.

"O, O," said the sheep,

"what shall we do?"

"Let us run away," said the pig.

"Yes, pig, we must run away," said the sheep.

"We must run somewhere, sheep," said the pig.

"We must look for a new home." So away they went.

Soon they saw a fat rooster.

"Cock-a-doodle-doo!

And how are you?" said the rooster.

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## they

"We are very well, thank you," said the sheep and the pig.

"Where are you going?" said the rooster.

"We are going away," said the pig.

"Yes, we are going somewhere, to look for a new home," said the sheep.

"Why are you going away?" said the rooster.

"I will tell you," said the sheep.

"The farmer came and looked at us.

He said,

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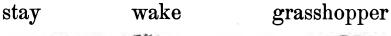
Soon it will be Thanksgiving.'

We know why he said that.

We are afraid.

So we are going away."

"O, O," said the rooster.





"I know why he said it, too.

I, too, am very fat.

I am afraid to stay here.

Please let me go with you."

"What can you do, rooster?"

"I can sing my song.

I can wake you up in the morning.

And I can catch grasshoppers."

"Come on then, rooster, you may go with us."

So off went the big fat sheep, the big fat pig, and the big fat rooster.

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sake	make	fake	lake

Soon they met a big fat turkey gobbler.

"How do you do, turkey gobbler?" said the sheep and the pig.

"Cock-a-doodle-doo, And how are you?" said the rooster.

"I'm able-to-gobble,
And I'm able-to-hobble,"
said the turkey gobbler.
Then he spread out his tail.
It looked like a big fan.

"Where are you going?" said the turkey gobbler.

"We are going away," said the pig.

"We are going somewhere," said the rooster.

"We are going somewhere, to look for a new home," said the sheep. "Why are you going away?" said the turkey gobbler.

"I will tell you," said the sheep.
"We are fat.

The farmer came and looked at us and said,

'They are fine and fat.

Soon it will be Thanksgiving.

We know why he said that.

We are afraid.

So we are going away."

"O, O," said the turkey gobbler.

"I know why he said it, too.

I, too, am fat.

I will not stay here.

Please let me go with you."

"What can you do, turkey gobbler?"

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hot

stop

"When it is hot, I can fan you with my tail."

"Come on then," said the sheep and the pig.

So away went the sheep, the pig, the rooster, and the turkey gobbler.

Then they went on, and on, and on.

"Let us stop here," said the sheep.

"Let us stop here," said the pig.

"Let us stop here," said the rooster.

"O, no," said the turkey gobbler, "we must go on.

If we stop here, the farmer will get us."

So they went on, and on.

Then the sheep said, "I must stop.

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I can not go on."

And the pig said, "I must stop.

I can not go on."

And the rooster said, "I must stop.

I can not go on."

And the turkey gobbler said, "I'm able-to-gobble,
And I'm able-to-hobble,
But I will stop, too."

It was night and it was hot.

"Lie down and go to sleep," said the turkey gobbler.

"I will fan you with my tail."

Then the sheep went to sleep.

And the pig went to sleep.

And the rooster went to sleep.

And the turkey gobbler fanned them with his tail.

woke

sang

around

But soon the turkey gobbler went to sleep, too.

It was morning.

The rooster woke up and sang his song.

Then the sheep woke up.
The pig woke up.
The turkey gobbler woke up.

"I am hungry," said the sheep.

"I am hungry," said the pig.

And the rooster said,

"I am hungry, too."

The turkey said,

"I'm hungry-to-gobble,

I'm hungry-to-gobble-gobble-gobble."

The sheep looked around.

"What do I see?" said the sheep.

"I see green grass growing all around."

yellow green hopping growing



So he began to nibble the green grass.

The rooster looked around and said, "Cock-a-doodle-doo,

I see you.

I see green grasshoppers hopping all around."

So he began to catch the green grasshoppers.

The turkey gobbler looked around.

"What do I see?" said he.

"Something to gobble, Something to gobble.

I see big yellow grasshoppers hopping all around."

So he began to gobble up the big yellow grasshoppers. The pig looked around. What did he see? There was his pen. There was his supper. So the pig said, "I am glad I am home."

"I am glad I am home."

And the sheep said,

One day the friendly farmer came.
He looked at the sheep,
the pig, the rooster, and the turkey.
They all looked fine and fat.
He liked their looks.
So he said, "I want you all

So they all went to Thanksgiving dinner.

to come to Thanksgiving dinner."

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hack	ham	hate	hang

beautiful balloon forgot sailed



Little Dick was walking with his mother.

He had a beautiful balloon.

The balloon was red, white, and blue.

As Dick walked, the balloon sailed over his head.

Soon Dick saw a big dog.

He stopped to pat the dog.

He forgot the balloon.

He let it go.

Ray over	gray Rover	d ear Grover
Rover	Grover	Dover

The balloon sailed away.

Then it came down to the ground,
with a bounce, bounce, bounce.

Dick ran after the balloon.

He put out his hand to catch it.

"Stop, little balloon, stop.

Let me catch you," said he.

Up sailed the balloon — up and away.

Little Dick ran after it.

Little Dick's mother ran after him.

Soon the balloon came down again,
bounce, bounce, bounce.

A butcher's boy saw it.

The butcher's boy ran to catch it.

"Stop, little balloon, stop.

Let me catch you," said he.

Up sailed the balloon, up and away.

baker's higher never air

The butcher's boy ran after it.

Little Dick and his mother ran after the butcher's boy.

Soon the balloon came down again, bouncing, bouncing on the ground.

A baker's boy saw it.

The baker's boy ran to catch it.

"Stop, little balloon, let me catch you."

But the little balloon sailed away.

The baker's boy ran after it.

The butcher's boy ran after him.

Little Dick and his mother ran after them.

And they all ran after the balloon.

But the little balloon sailed away.

Up, up, higher and higher into the air it went.

And it never came down again.

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Billy wanted



Once there was a boy and his name was Billy.

He had three sheep and three cows.

The cows ate grass all day.

The sheep nibbled grass all day.

But the cows wanted to eat corn.

And the sheep wanted to eat hay.

One day Billy Boy went to sleep. Then the cows began to eat the corn, and the sheep began to eat the hay.

After a long, long time Billy Boy woke up.

He saw the cows in the corn.

He saw the sheep in the hay.

"Get out of my corn!"

That is what he said to the cows.

"Get out of my hay!"

That is what he said to the sheep.

But the cows

did not get out of the corn.

And the sheep

did not get out of the hay.

So Billy Boy began to cry.

A little rabbit saw Billy Boy crying.

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Bill	silly	chilly	hilly

"Why do you cry?" said the rabbit.

"I cry because I can not get the cows out of the corn.

I cry because I can not get the sheep out of the hay."

"I'll do it," said the rabbit.

He ran at the cows.

He ran at the sheep.

But they did not start.

So the little rabbit began to cry.

Along came a fox.

"Why are you crying?" said the fox.

"I am crying

because Billy Boy is crying.

He is crying because he can not get the cows out of the corn and the sheep out of the hay." "I'll do it," said the fox.

But he didn't.

The cows did not go away.

The sheep did not go away.

So Mr. Fox sat down and began to cry.

"Why are you crying?"
This time it was a black crow that said it.

And the fox said to the black crow:

"I am crying

because the rabbit is crying.

The rabbit is crying because Billy Boy is crying.

Billy Boy is crying because he can not get the cows out of the corn and the sheep out of the hay."

Then the black crow said:

"I'll do it."

bee buzz

But he didn't.
So he began to cry.
"Caw, caw, caw," said the black crow.

# And THEN—

along came a little bee, a wee bit of a bee.

"Buzz-z-z," said the bee to the black crow.

"I am crying," said the black crow, because the fox and the rabbit are crying.

They are crying because Billy Boy is crying."

"Buzz-z-z," said the bee to Billy Boy.

And Billy Boy said to the bee,

"I said to the cows,

'Get out of my corn!'

And they did not.

Bo-peep alone behind leave lost find their



Little Bo-peep has lost her sheep
And can't tell where to find them;
Leave them alone and they'll come
home

And bring their tails behind them.

## I

Bo-Peep. (Comes in crying.) O dear! O dear! What shall I do?

Boy Blue. Good morning, Bo-peep.

Why are you crying?

Bo-Peep. (Still crying.) O dear! O dear!

I have lost my sheep.

Boy Blue. Oh! You have lost your sheep, have you? That is too bad.

Which way did they go?

I don't know. Bo-Peep. They have gone away, and I can't tell where to find them.

Boy Blue. Oh, well, don't cry. They can't be far away. Leave them alone
And they will come home,
And bring their tails behind them.

Bo-Peep. Do you think so?

Boy Blue. Yes, I do.

You sit by this haystack, and you shall see them all come back again.

(Boy Blue goes away behind the haystack.)

### II

Bo-Peep. Very well, I will try it.

I do hope they will come back soon again.

Oh, I am so sleepy!
(She sits down by the haystack and falls asleep.) blew aren't yet dreamed crook

Boy Blue. Why, little Bo-Peep is fast asleep!

Where can her sheep be? (Blows a horn.)

Bo-Peep. (Waking up.) Oh, oh!
Have my sheep come home?
(Looks about her.)

Boy Blue. Not yet.

I blew my horn
to bring them back.

Bo-Peep. O dear! O dear!

I dreamed that my sheep had all come back.

Now I find that it's all a dream!
They aren't here at all.

I must go and find them. (Gets up, and takes her crook.)

Boy Blue. I will go with you, Bo-peep.
(Boy Blue blows his horn two or three times.)
Oh, look, Bo-peep!
Here come your sheep,
bringing their tails behind
them!

Bo-Peep. (Clapping her hands.)
Yes, yes!
There they are!
How glad I am
to see them!

Little sheep, come to me, I'm as glad as I can be. Come and stay with me to-day,

Do not go so far away.

-- RALPH H. BOWLES. (Adapted.)



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A was once an apple pie,

Pidy,
Widy,
Tidy,
Pidy,
Nice insidy, apple pie!

B was once a little bat,
Batty,
Fatty,
Flatty,
Batty,
little bat!

Tit for tatty, little bat!

C was once a little cake,

Caky, Baky, Maky, Caky,



Taky, caky, little cake!

D was once a little doll,

Dolly, Molly,

Polly,



Nursy dolly, little doll!

E was once a little eel,

Eely,

Feely,

Eely,



Queely, Squeely, little eel!

F was once a little fish,

Fishy,
Wishy,
Squishy,
Fishy,



In a dishy, little fish!

G was once a little goose,

Goosey, Moosey,

Loosey,

Goosey,

Waddly-woosey, little goose!

H was once a little hen,

Henny,

Penny,

Tenny,

Henny,

Eggsy any, little hen?

I was once a bottle of ink,

Inky,
Dinky,
Thinky,
Inky,

Blacky, minky, bottle of ink!

J was once a jar of jam,
Jammy,
Sammy,
Mammy,
Jammy,
Lammy, Sammy, jar of jam!

K was once a little kite,

Kitey,
Whitey,
Flighty,
Kitey,
Out of sighty, little kite!

L was once a little lark,



In the parky, little lark!

M was once a little mouse,

Mousy, Bowsy,

Wowsy,

Mousy,

In the housy, little mouse!

N was once a little noodle,

Noodly, Toodly,

Poodly,

Noodly, M M Goodly foodly, little noodle!

O was once a little owl,
Owly,
Prowly,
Howly,
Owly,
Browny fowly, little owl!

P was once a little pump,
Pumpy,
Slumpy,
Flumpy,
Pumpy,
Bumpy, thumpy, little pump!

Q was once a little quail,
Quaily,
Saily,
Daily,
Quaily,

Stumpy-taily, little quail!

R was once a little rose,

Rosy,
Posy,
Nosy,
Rosy,

Blowsy, growsy, little rose!

S was once a little sheep,

Sheepy, Steepy,

Leapy,

Sheepy,

Deepy sleepy, little sheep!

T was once a little thrush,

Thrushy,

Hushy, Lushy,

Thrushy,

Flitty, flushy, little thrush!

U was once a little urn,

Urny, Churny, Turny, Urny,

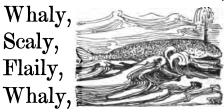
Bubbly, burny, little urn!

V was once a little vine,

Viny, Winy, Biny, Viny,

Twisty-twiny, little vine!

W was once a little whale,



Tumbly-taily, mighty whale!

X was once a great king Xerxes,

Xerxy,
Perxy,
Turxy,
Xerxy,

Linxy, lurxy, great King Xerxes!

Y was once a little yew,

Yewdy,
Fewdy,
Hewdy,
Yewdy,

Growdy, grewdy, little yew!

Z was once a piece of zinc,

Tinky,
Winky,
Blinky,
Tinky,

Clinky, chinky, piece of zinc!

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